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Docket No.: 067161-0114 **PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
Yoshinori MATSUURA, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 8622
Application No.: 10/677,228	:	Group Art Unit: 2609
Filed: October 03, 2003	:	Examiner: German Viana Di Prisco

For: SYSTEM MULTIPLEXING APPARATUS PREVENTING OVERFLOW OF AUDIO DECODER BUFFER

STATUS INQUIRY

Mail Stop Status Inquiry
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The above-identified application was filed on October 3, 2003. Since more than three and one-half years have elapsed since that date, and no action has been received by attorney for applicant, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned attorney be informed of the status of the referenced application. It is noted that the Official Gazette indicates applications filed on or before April 18, 2004 in the above-assigned Group Art Unit should have received an action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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